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Howland Wood, Esquire
Curator, American Numismatic Society
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New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Will you be kind enough to lay before the officers of your society, the accompanying letter concerning the matter of the Loan Exhibit of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Mr. Wyman gave us an extremely interesting talk the other evening, which was much appreciated by the members. I feel sure that with your assistance and with that of the Society, we shall be able to arrange a valuable exhibit which will do much to stimulate the interest of the members in this particular phase of numismatics.

I am writing to various dealers whose names you were kind enough to give me, and am also directing letters to my correspondents in Paris and London and asking them to assist me by the purchase of interesting specimens from those centers.

I trust that you will bear in mind the fact that I shall be glad to have suggestions from you at any time regarding either the permanent collection for the College or the loan collection for the annual meeting which takes place on August 26th of this year. I am entirely ignorant on this subject and shall be only too glad to welcome any suggestions you may have to offer.

Thanking you for the courtesies extended and trusting you will continue to help us in our efforts to establish this collection, believe me

Sincerely yours,

Leisure A Mayo

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Gentlemen:-

As Chairman of the Library Committee of the Board of Trustees of the New York College of Pharmacy, I have been authorized to arrange for a loan exhibit of pharmaceutical medals to be made at the annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association which takes place in this city at Hotel Pennsylvania during the week beginning August 25th of this year.

The Boston Medical Library has agreed to lend us a selection of pharmaceutical medals from their splendid collection and I am in hopes that the Library of the Surgeon General's Office at Washington will also contribute to this loan collection.

Our definition of pharmacy will be quite broad, embracing the cognate sciences and the Linnean medal and similar botanical medals will be considered as appropriate.

If you see your way clear to cooperate with us in this matter, the medals loaned for the exhibit will be insured against loss by theft or fire and we will take every precaution to have them returned to you undamaged.

We hope to hear favorably from you upon the subject within a few days and remain

Respectfully,

CHARIMAN,

Library Committee,
New York College of Pharmacy.

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REMINGTON HONOR MEDAL SHOWN

Plans for Loan Exhibition of Pharmaceutical Medals—Resolutions on Death of Dr. Kahn

AT the April meeting of the New York Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association, which was held at the College of Pharmacy, on April 14, the committee on the Remington Honor Medal had on exhibition a plaster plaque of the medal as designed by Henning Ryden and a lead replica of the medal itself. The plaque, which is about eight inches in diameter, gives a three-quarters view of Professor Remington's face and is an excellent likeness. In commenting on the plaque, Arthur C. Wyman, a fellow of the American Numismatic Society and assistant curator of its museum, said that a three-quarter face in low relief was exceedingly difficult to present in a satisfactory manner on a medal. By far the best and easiest view was a profile. The full face was more difficult than the profile, and the three-quarter face more difficult than either. He said that if the plaque was a fairly good likeness of the original he would advise that no changes be made in it, as this likeness might easily be destroyed. Those who knew a man most intimately were not the best fitted to criticise a bust or medal, for they remembered the man in action and when looking at the face in repose missed something which it was impossible to put into plastic form.

Mr. Wyman then gave a brief outline of the history of medals, the earliest specimen of which, the ten drachma piece of Syracuse, had been struck as commemorative coins somewhat in the same manner as our Columbian half dollars had been struck. The earliest Syracusan ten drachma pieces, several specimens of which were in the Museum of the Numismatic Society, were struck to commemorate the athletic contests which were held every four years in that city and dated from about the year 400 B. C. They were fine specimens of Greek art at the best. Mr. Wyman then spoke of the different types of medals, describing their general characteristics. He congratulated the college upon having undertaken the collection of pharmaceutical medals and promised the active co-operation of the museum and his own personal aid and advice in the work. Caswell A. Mayo, as chairman of the Library Committee of the New York College of Pharmacy, spoke of the loan exhibit of medals which had been planned for the meeting of the parent association in August and informed the members that two members of the board of trustees, Ernest Stauffen and Theodore Weicker, had donated a substantial sum to be expended in the purchase of pharmaceutical medals. He requested the members to co-operate with him in purchasing medals wherever they could. Mr. Mayo then read a note by Miss Adelaide Rudolph, assistant librarian of the college, on pharmaceutical medals, for which Miss Rudolph was tendered a vote of thanks.

Dr. H. H. Schaefer, as chairman of the Remington Honor Medal Committee, said that through the vote of a committee composed of all the living ex-presidents of the American Pharmaceutical Association the medal had been awarded for the first year to Dr. James H. Beal, of Illinois. It had been planned to present the medal to Doctor Beal at the April meeting of the branch, but Doctor Beal was in Florida and had found it impossible to be present. He had therefore written him that the award would be made at any time that suited his convenience, either before or during the meeting of the parent body in August.

There was some desultory discussion as to the best time for the presentation of the medal, which was ruled out of order by President Lehman, since the choice of time for the presentation had been quite rightly left to Doctor Beal for decision.

Prof. George C. Diekman, chairman of the Committee on Progress of Pharmacy, read a report consisting of abstracts from current pharmaceutical literature.

Dr. Joseph L. Mayer presented a series of resolutions on the death of Dr. Joseph Kahn, which were adopted by a rising vote.

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New York, April 24, 1919.

To the Board of Directors of the
American Numismatic Society:

Gentlemen:

At the fifty-seventh annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association, to be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania the week beginning August 25, the New York College of Pharmacy has undertaken to make a loan exhibition of pharmaceutical medals. The definition of the term "pharmaceutical" will be quite broad so as to include medals struck in honor of events in cognate sciences, such as botany, materia medica, chemistry, etc., namely, ~~the Linnaeum~~ medal will be considered as being within the scope of our exhibit.

May we ask the Numismatic Society to lend us a collection of such medals as they may have coming into this scope for that occasion?

The Boston Medical Library, which has a very large collection of medical medals presented by Doctor Storer, of Newport, R. I., has agreed to send us a collection for the exhibition. We have applied to the curator of the Medical Museum at Washington for a similar favor, as there is a very good collection of medical medals, including many pharmaceutical medals, at the Museum.

This is the first effort that has been made, as far as we are aware of, to get together a collection of medals of pharmaceutical interest. We trust that you will cooperate with us in this matter. All the medals loaned will be insured against loss by the library. The library has also undertaken the permanent collection of pharmaceutical medals, and it will, we believe, be the first permanent collection of this kind ever made.

Trusting your society may see fit to encourage us in our efforts, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Leavine St. Mary

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON
MEDALS, COLLECTION AND EXHIBIT

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